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Minutes of the Cambridge Election Commissioners meeting Wednesday, October 28, 2009

The regular meeting of the Cambridge Board of Election Commissioners was held at the Election Commission Office on Wednesday, October 28, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 3:30M by Commissioner King. Commissioners Bonislowski, Cobb and Sheinfeld were also in attendance. Executive Director Marsha Weinerman, and Leslie Waxman from the Election Commission were present. Election Auditor George Goverman, City Solicitor Donald Drisdell and Deputy City Solicitor Nancy Glowa, Candidates James Williamson and Sylvia Glick, MIT student Nicholas Marantz, and Ethan Cobb also attended.

The random draw of precincts was conducted. This is done to establish the order in which the memory cards from the ballot boxes for each precinct will be machine read on election night. The results of the draw were:

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13. 11-3 14. 6-3 15. 8-3 16. 10-2 17. 3-1 18. 7-1 19. 1-2 20. 8-2 21. 7-2 22. 11-1 23. 4-1
24. 4-2 25. 6-2 26. 5-1 27. 9-3 28. 1-3 29. 3-2 30. 11-2 31. 4-3 32. 7-3 33. 9-2

A motion was made by Commissioner King and seconded by Commissioner Sheinfeld to accept the minutes, of the October 19, 2009 commissioners meeting. It was passed by a 4-0 vote.

The Executive Director gave a report based on the attached agenda.

Commissioner King moved to permit the Tobin School and Tobin Montessori School to conduct a bake sale at the Cambridge Armory on Election Day, November 3. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cobb and passed 4-0.

There was then a lengthy discussion of procedures, duties, and layout of stations at the tabulation center on election night.

City Solicitor Drisdell raised the question of voter privacy when ballots were ejected by the ballot box scanner and required being placed in the auxiliary ballot box.

Commissioner Cobb proposed the addition of a laminated card to the ring set for poll workers which instructed then to place ballot box scanner ejected ballots in the auxiliary ballot box. Commissioner Cobb offered to prepare such a card to be reviewed by the Executive Director, City Solicitor and the other Commissioners.

The board agreed that the existing procedures for dealing with write-in ballots would be followed for the November 3, 2009 election.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50PM.

Attested by Peter Sheinfeld, Secretary to the Board.


